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1. THE TURKISH PRESS OF FEBRUARY 19 GAVE STRAIGHTFORWARD FACTUAL COVERAGE TO THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA. MOST MAJOR PAPERS ARE USING THE ON-THE-SCENE REPORTS OF TURKISH JORNALISTS FOR MUCH OF THEIR COVERAGE. EDITORIAL COMMENT DID NOT APPEAR.

2. SAMI KOHEN REPORTED IN FEBRUARY 19 MILLIYET (LIBERAL-REFORMIST) A SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTASH. ACCORDING TO KOHEN, DENKTASH HAS CHARACTERIZED

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THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WITH GLAFKOS

CLERIDES AS RANGING WIDELY OVER THE TOPICS OF TERRITORY, FEDERATION, AND THE POWERS OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. DENKTASH MAINTAINED THAT ALTHOUGH CLERIDES WANTED TO GIVE THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE PRIORITY, THE GREEK CYPRIOT SPOKESMAN HAD REFRAINED FROM PRESENTING DEFINITE PROPOSALS, DESPITE INQUIRIES BY DENKTASH. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER SPECULATED, "PROBABLY WHAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WANT IS THIS: THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT PERCENTAGE OF LAND WE WILL ABANDON TO THEM. WE, HOWEVER, FROM THE BEGINNING HAVE SAID THAT IN VIENNA WE CAN TALK ONLY ABOUT GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE LAND QUESTION, NOT ABOUT DETAILS. THEREFORE WE WILL NOT BRING ANY PLAN TOMORROW (I.E. FEBRUARY 19). AFTER GENERAL PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED THE DETAILS OF THIS TASK CAN BE TAKEN IN HAND AT A COMMISSION IN NICOSIA".

3. ACCORDING TO GUNAYDIN CORRESPONDENT IN VIENNA AHMET URAN BARAN, THE SECOND DAY OF TALKS TOOK PLACE IN A "MORE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE" THAN THE FIRST. BARAN BELIEVED THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE WANTED "TURKEY AND GREECE ADDED TO THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE COMMISSION ON TERRITORY AS GUARANTORS" WHEN THE TERRITORIAL AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES WERE

REFERRED TO SEPARATE COMMISSIONS AFTER THE GENERAL TALKS IN VIENNA. IN A SEPARATE ARTICLE, GUNAYDIN CLAIMED TO HAVE LEARNED THAT TWO OF THREE ADVISERS ADDED TO THE CLERIDES DELEGATION BY CYPRUS PRESIDENT MAKARIOS ARE FORMER MEMBERS OF EOKA AND "KNOWN ENEMIES OF THE TURKS."

4. KOSTA DAPONTE WRITING FROM VIENNA FOR LEFTIST CUMHURİYET QUOTED UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AS SAYING THAT, "THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION IS THE NUMBER ONE TOPIC ON THE AGENDA," ALTHOUGH "OTHER TOPICS ARE ALSO BEING DISCUSSED." ACCORDING TO CUMHURİYET, DENKTASH HAS THREATENED TO GO TO LONDON "TO MAKE PROPAGANDA" OF HIS OWN IF THE THREE ADVISERS ACCOMPANYING CLERIDES USE THE OCCASION OF THE VIENNA MEETING FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES.

5. MASS-CIRCULATION HURRIYET'S MAN IN VIENNA, METIN DOGANALP, QUOTED CLERIDES AS BEING "NEITHER PESSIMISTIC NOR OPTIMISTIC" CONCERNING THE TALKS, WHICH ACCORDING TO UNNAMED OBSERVERS UNCLASSIFIED

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